

## LIQUOR DEALERS PRAISE COUNCIL

Retail Association Commends Investigation Into Number of Government Licenses.

### SHOULD HAVE CITY PERMITS

Claim Most of Violation of Law Comes From Those Who Secretly Sell Intoxicants.

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Commissioner M. T. Rudgren read the following letter and list of resolutions from the association, which were signed by Charles Dan, secretary:

"One of the principal objects of the Retail Liquor Dealers' association has been to purify the trade and traffic in which its members are engaged, to educate its members in the strict observance of the law, to eliminate from its membership as much as possible all lawless elements, also to aid and assist the authorities in their efforts to maintain law and order, and prevent violations of the law and ordinances governing the liquor business. The Retail Liquor Dealers' association maintains that its endeavors in this direction have been productive of much good—more so than the drastic attempts at reform of other associations or individuals, and it looks with justifiable satisfaction upon its accomplishment along this line of endeavor. It is, therefore, with great surprise and concern that this association has received information through the press and the meetings of its honor, the mayor, and the city commission, to the effect that many more government liquor dealers' licenses are issued and operated in this city than city licenses. Such being the case, it must be inferred that there are many places and establishments in this city where wine, beer and intoxicants are illegally sold and without city licenses and regulations the commission of this association that most of the illegal sales of liquor were always made by persons not engaged in the liquor business, while it was always the endeavor and aim of this organization to have its members only men who will stick up to sell the liquor in the city of Rock Island and the ordinance of the city of Rock Island."

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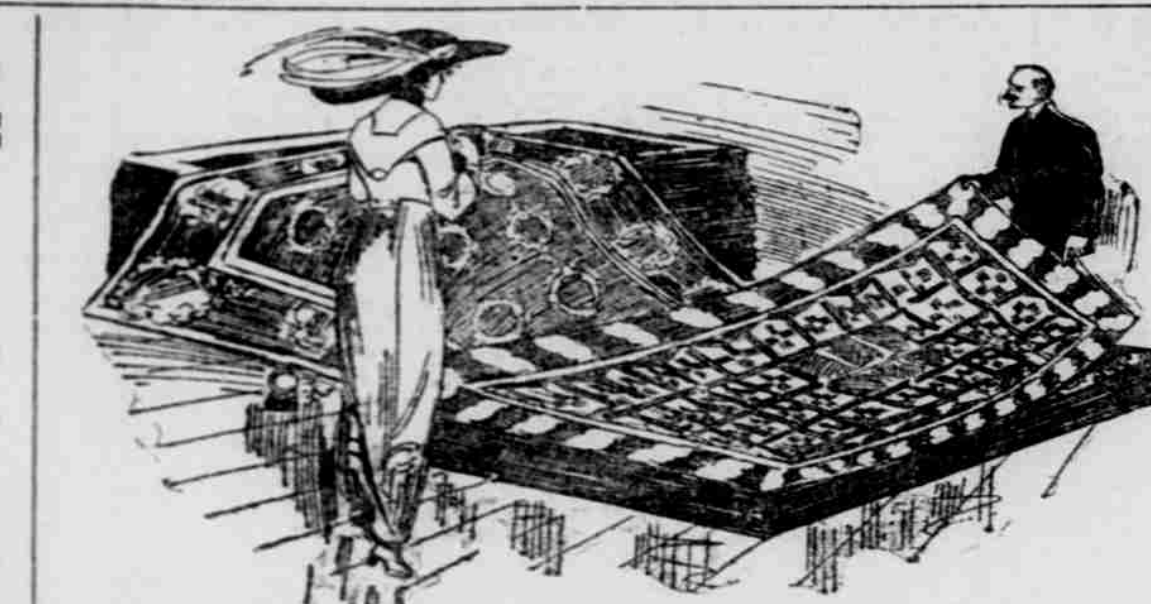
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